

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication method via a network between a device able to read a memory medium, and a remote unit comprising additional data for the memory medium, said communication method comprising the acts of:

extracting memory medium properties from the memory medium inserted in the device,

sending said memory medium properties to the remote unit,

authenticating the memory medium by comparing said memory medium properties with corresponding properties of a corresponding memory medium legally produced by a provider, before sending the additional data to the device, and

determining that the memory medium is illegally produced when

the memory medium properties are different from the corresponding properties even if the memory medium includes identical content for rendering as the corresponding memory medium, wherein the memory medium properties include a region code of the memory medium.

2. (Previously Presented) The communication method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the memory medium properties are written in a control data zone of the memory medium.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The communication method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the remote unit is able to send different types of additional data as a function of the memory medium properties.

5. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising a device able to read a memory medium, and a remote unit comprising additional data for the memory medium, said device and the remote unit communicating via a network, wherein the remote unit is able

to retrieve memory medium properties from the memory medium inserted in the device, to authenticate said memory medium by comparing said memory medium properties with corresponding properties of a corresponding memory medium legally produced by a provider, before sending the additional data to said device, and to determine that the memory medium is illegally produced when the memory medium properties are different from the corresponding properties even if the memory medium includes identical content for rendering as the corresponding memory medium, wherein the memory medium properties include a region code of the memory medium.

6. (Currently Amended) A remote unit for communicating with a device able to read a memory medium, the remote unit comprising additional data for the memory medium, means for retrieving memory medium properties from the memory medium inserted in the device, means for authenticating said memory medium by comparing said memory medium properties with corresponding properties of a corresponding memory medium legally produced by a provider, before sending the additional data to said device, and means for

determining that the memory medium is illegally produced when the memory medium properties are different from the corresponding properties even if the memory medium includes identical content for rendering as the corresponding memory medium, wherein the memory medium properties include a region code of the memory medium.

Claim 7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium embodying a computer program comprising program instructions for implementing, when said program is executed by a processor, a communication method via a network between a device able to read a memory medium, and a remote unit comprising additional data for the memory medium, said communication method comprising the acts of:

extracting memory medium properties from the memory medium inserted in the device,

sending said memory medium properties to the remote unit, and determining that the memory medium is illegally produced when the memory medium properties are different from corresponding

properties of a corresponding memory medium legally produced by a provider even if the memory medium includes identical content for rendering as the corresponding memory medium, wherein the memory medium properties include a region code of the memory medium.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium embodying a computer program comprising program instructions for implementing, when said program is executed by a processor, a communication method via a network between a device able to read a memory medium, and a remote unit comprising additional data for the memory medium, said communication method comprising the acts of:

retrieving memory medium properties from the memory medium inserted in the device,

authenticating the memory medium by comparing said memory medium properties with corresponding properties of a corresponding memory medium legally produced by a provider, before sending the additional data to the device, and determining that the memory medium is illegally produced when the memory medium properties are different from the corresponding properties even if the memory

medium includes identical content for rendering as the corresponding memory medium, wherein the memory medium properties include a region code of the memory medium.

10. (Previously Presented) The communication method of claim 1, wherein the memory medium comprises at least one read-only, recordable, and rewritable discs.

11. (Previously Presented) The communication method of claim 1, wherein the memory medium comprises at least one of a DVD, CD, DVD, and Blu-ray discs.

12. (Previously Presented) The communication system of claim 5, wherein the memory medium comprises at least one read-only, recordable, and rewritable discs.

13. (Previously Presented) The communication system of claim 5, wherein the memory medium comprises at least one of a DVD, CD, DVD, and Blu-ray discs.

14. (Previously Presented) The remote unit of claim 6, wherein the memory medium comprises at least one read-only, recordable, and rewritable discs.

15. (Previously Presented) The remote unit of claim 6, wherein the memory medium comprises at least one of a DVD, CD, DVD, and Blu-ray discs.

Claims 16-17 (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The communication method of claim 1, further comprising the act of blacklisting the device if the remote unit receives a number of requests higher than a predetermined threshold from the device containing a non-authenticated memory medium.

Claim 19 (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The communication method of ~~claim 19~~
~~claim 1~~, wherein the additional data includes advertisement
depending on the region code.

21. (Previously Presented) The communication method of claim
1, further comprising the act of allowing recording of the
additional data if the authenticating act is successful.

22. (Previously Presented) The communication method of claim
1, further comprising the act of allowing access to the additional
data only while the memory medium is being played in the device.

23. (Currently Amended) The communication system of claim 5,
wherein the ~~memory medium properties~~ includes a region code of the
~~memory medium, and the~~ additional data includes advertisement
depending on the region code.

24. (Currently Amended) The remote unit of claim 6, wherein
the ~~memory medium properties~~ includes a region code of the ~~memory~~

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~~medium, and the additional data includes advertisement depending on the region code.~~